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SUBJECT:PRESIDENT'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO NAVON AND  
FAREWELL MESSAGE TO KATZIR

, THE FOLLOWING IS A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT  
CARTER TO PRESIDENT NAVON ON HIS INAUGURATION AS PRESIDENT  
OF ISRAEL. DELIVER MAY 29.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR PRESIDENT NAVON:

I SEND MY CONGRATULATIONS AND THOSE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE  
UPON YOUR ACCESSION TO THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF ISRAEL.  
THE QUALITIES YOU POSSESS AS A TEACHER, SCHOLAR, AND HUMANI-  
TARIAN LEADER ARE PRECISELY THOSE YOU WILL NEED IN THE HIGH  
OFFICE YOU NOW ASSUME. AS ISRAEL FACES THE CHALLENGES OF  
NEGOTIATING A JUST AND LASTING PEACE, IT CAN COUNT ON THE  
FIRM AND ENDURING FRIENDSHIP OF THE UNITED STATES. LET US  
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HOPE THAT IT WILL FINALLY BE POSSIBLE FOR A PRESIDENT OF  
ISRAEL TO PRESIDE OVER A NATION AT PEACE WITH ITS NEIGHBORS,  
A NATION FREE AT LAST TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN THE SCIENTIFIC,  
CULTURAL, AND POLITICAL LIFE OF ITS REGION AND THE BROADER  
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU AND TO WORKING WITH YOU TO

STRENGTHEN THE BONDS BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS AND GOVERNMENTS. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END TEXT.

3. THE FOLLOWING IS A FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO OUTGOING PRESIDENT KATZIR. PLEASE DELIVER FRIDAY, MAY 26.

DEAR PRESIDENT KATZIR:

AS YOUR TERM OF OFFICE AS ISRAEL'S FOURTH PRESIDENT DRAWS TO A CLOSE, I SEND YOU MY CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE AND MY BEST WISHES FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF HEALTH AND PRODUCTIVE LABOR. THE DIGNIFIED AND EFFECTIVE MANNER IN WHICH YOU HAVE REPRESENTED THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS HAS INSPIRED RESPECT IN THE UNITED STATES AND AROUND THE WORLD.

YOUR TERM OF OFFICE HAS BEEN FILLED WITH MOMENTOUS EVENTS AND GREAT CHALLENGES. YOU HAVE PRESIDED OVER AN ISRAEL THAT HAS GONE FROM THE DARK DAYS OF OCTOBER 1973 TO THE HOPEFUL DAYS AND MONTHS SINCE NOVEMBER 1977. I KNOW THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE LIFE OF YOUR NATION, AND THE WORLD, IN THE SCIENTIFIC FIELD NOW THAT YOUR STEWARDSHIP AS ISRAEL'S PRESIDENT IS ENDING.

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BEST WISHES AND WARM REGARDS, SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER.  
END TEXT.

4. WHITE HOUSE HAS NO OBJECTION SHOULD NAVCON AND/OR KATZIR WISH TO RELEASE TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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